

JANUARY 12, 2025 | BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

# WORSHIP AT WESTFIELD

SERVICE OF WORD, FONT, WELCOME, AND HOLY WORK



THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN UNITY  
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK,  
THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

# GATHER

\*PLEASE RISE  
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to complete the care pad in your pew.

Peace be with you. And also with you.

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service. **Thanks be to God.**

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of the Lord is over the waters  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"  
the heavens were torn open and the Spirit descended  
And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved  
Son  
Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

### INVOCATION

Reign and Rain down, Glorious One  
Salvation flows from your side  
Living water to our desert  
to our frail clay  
to our dust  
Creation flows from you  
New life springing up  
Hope and wholeness  
Budding and blooming in our wasteland  
Flood us and fill us, King of kings  
Let all the earth drink of you  
Quenched with the fullness of your victorious love.  
Amen.

### \*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
 3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
 4. "When through fiery tri-als your path-way shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je-sus still leans for re- pose,  
 6 is laid for your faith in his ex- cel- lent Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 the ri- vers of sor- row shall not o- ver- flow;  
 my grace, all suf- fi- cient shall be your sup- ply;  
 11 I will not, I will not de- sert to its foes;  
 What more can he say than to you he has said,  
 I'll streng- then you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 for I will be with you, your trou- bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt you, I on- ly de- sign  
 16 that soul, though all hell should en- dea- vor to shake,  
 to you who for re- fuge to Je- sus have fled?  
 up- held by my right eous, om- nip- o- tent hand.  
 and sanc- ti- fy to you your deep- est dis- tress.  
 your dross to con- sume, and your gold to re- fine.  
 I'll ne- ver, no ne- ver, no ne- ver for- sake!"

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Immanuel,  
you are God with us.  
You abide with us through it all.  
While you journey alongside us in life,  
you are speaking to us.

We admit to you  
that we do not listen to your voice.  
We read Scripture and ignore it,  
we feel a nudge from you,  
a call to action, and we explain it away.

We fill our lives with so much noise  
that we can't hear you  
even when we try.

Please soften our hearts  
so that we might be more perceptive  
to your leading as we come to you in  
silent confession.

*Silence is kept.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

Now return to the Lord with joy and  
gladness.

Sing a song of redemption!  
Let sorrow and sighing be no more.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

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Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free!  
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Family of God**

You're invited to offer signs of welcome during the interlude.

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I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God  
I've been washed in the foun - tain, wrapped in God's love!  
Joint heirs with Je - sus as we trav - el this sod;  
For I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God.

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ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK,  
THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

**GATHER**

**\*PLEASE RISE  
IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

# WE DRAW OUR CIRCLE EVER WIDER, WELCOMING EVERYONE, EVERYONE, EVERYONE.

# WELCOME

## SONG OF WELCOME Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide! Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide! No one  
stands alone! We stand side by side. — Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide!

## The Jesus-y Questions

## The Essential Questions

## The Covenant

Let us, members of the Westfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.**

**We promise you our friendship and prayer  
as we share the hope and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit  
may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love  
and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

## Barbara Chadwick, Johnston, Rhode Island

I am a single mom from Rhode Island. My pronouns are she/her. I am the mom of three adult sons and Gram to 3 beautiful grandbabies. I enjoy gardening, reading, creating and sharing acts of kindness with others. I love learning new things and enjoy taking craft classes with friends. I also enjoy adventures with my two rescue labs Mac and Finn.

**Interested in becoming an official member of the Westfield family?  
Start here: [westfielducc.org/join](http://westfielducc.org/join)**

## BAPTISMAL SONG You Are Mine

Do not be a-fraid I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and fo - llow me. I will bring you home.  
I love — you and you are mine.

\*PLEASE RISE  
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

# THE SERVICE OF WATER

## GREETING

Dear friends, on this day of re-creation we recall Christ's baptism, and we claim and remember our own. **We gather at this font of living water to celebrate the gift of God's redeeming grace.**

For just as the body is one and has many members and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, male or female—and were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, the only one begotten of God before all worlds.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God, the Holy Spirit.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and community, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Let us pray.

**In this and all we do, keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING OF BLANKETS

## BLESSING OF WATER

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word.

Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters.

Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Noah you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning.

In the time of Moses and Miriam your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus Christ who was nurtured

in the water of Mary's womb.

Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

*The water is poured.*

Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water that by it we may be reminded of our baptism into Jesus Christ and that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may be kept faithful until you receive us at last in your eternal home.

**Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.**

## THE CONGREGATION REMEMBERS BAPTISM

*You're invited to come forward and touch the water, remembering your own baptism.*

*Afterward, we pray together.*

Eternal God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins, Bless us now with the grace we need to fulfill what we have promised.

**Keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

WE ARE REMINDED OF  
GOD'S LOVE FOR US BY  
THE GIFT OF WATER  
AND SPIRIT.

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\*PLEASE RISE  
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

**NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION**

But now thus says the Lord,  
 he who created you, O Jacob,  
 he who formed you, O Israel:  
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by name, you are mine.  
 When you pass through the waters, I will be  
 with you;  
 and through the rivers, they shall not  
 overwhelm you;  
 when you walk through fire you shall not be  
 burned,  
 and the flame shall not consume you.  
 For I am the Lord your God,  
 the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
 I give Egypt as your ransom,  
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
 Because you are precious in my sight,  
 and honoured, and I love you,  
 I give people in return for you,  
 nations in exchange for your life.  
 Do not fear, for I am with you;  
 I will bring your offspring from the east,  
 and from the west I will gather you;  
 I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
 and to the south, 'Do not withhold';  
 bring my sons from far away  
 and my daughters from the end of the  
 earth—  
 everyone who is called by my name,  
 whom I created for my glory,  
 whom I formed and made.'

**THE MESSAGE**

But now, God's Message,  
 the God who made you in the first place,  
 Jacob,  
 the One who got you started, Israel:  
 "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.  
 I've called your name. You're mine.  
 When you're in over your head, I'll be there  
 with you.  
 When you're in rough waters, you will not  
 go down.  
 When you're between a rock and a hard  
 place,  
 it won't be a dead end—  
 Because I am God, your personal God,  
 The Holy of Israel, your Savior.  
 I paid a huge price for you:  
 all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba  
 thrown in!  
 That's how much you mean to me!  
 That's how much I love you!  
 I'd sell off the whole world to get you back,  
 trade the creation just for you.  
 "So don't be afraid: I'm with you.  
 I'll round up all your scattered children,  
 pull them in from east and west.  
 I'll send orders north and south:  
 'Send them back.  
 Return my sons from distant lands,  
 my daughters from faraway places.  
 I want them back, every last one who bears  
 my name,  
 every man, woman, and child  
 Whom I created for my glory,  
 yes, personally formed and made each  
 one.'"

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**LUKE 3:15-17,21-22**

**NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION**

As the people were filled with expectation,  
 and all were questioning in their hearts  
 concerning John, whether he might be the  
 Messiah, John answered all of them by  
 saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one  
 who is more powerful than I is coming; I am  
 not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.  
 He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and  
 fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to  
 clear his threshing-floor and to gather the  
 wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will  
 burn with unquenchable fire.'  
 Now when all the people were baptized, and  
 when Jesus also had been baptized and was  
 praying, the heaven was opened, and the  
 Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily  
 form like a dove. And a voice came from  
 heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with  
 you I am well pleased.'

**THE MESSAGE**

The interest of the people by now was building.  
 They were all beginning to wonder, "Could this  
 John be the Messiah?"  
 But John intervened: "I'm baptizing you here in  
 the river. The main character in this drama, to  
 whom I'm a mere stagehand, will ignite the  
 kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you,  
 changing you from the inside out. He's going to  
 clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives.  
 He'll place everything true in its proper place  
 before God; everything false he'll put out with  
 the trash to be burned."  
 After all the people were baptized, Jesus was  
 baptized. As he was praying, the sky opened up  
 and the Holy Spirit, like a dove descending, came  
 down on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice:  
 "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love,  
 pride of my life."

**HEAR**  
 GOD SPEAKS TO US IN  
 SCRIPTURE, PREACHING,  
 AND SONG  
 \*PLEASE RISE  
 IN BODY OR SPIRIT

WE BEGIN OUR LIFE OF  
RESPONDING TO THE  
GOSPEL THROUGH  
PRAYER AND OFFERING.

# RESPOND

## RESPONSE TO READING

Through this scripture, God is still speaking. **And we are listening.**

## SERMON

THE REV. DR. JONATHAN CHAPMAN

## SHARING OF CONCERNS

For all these persons  
and all who are in need.  
**Hold your people near, O God.**

## SHARING OF JOYS

We give thanks to God  
for these blessings.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## CALL TO PRAYER Christ Be Our Light

Christ be our Light, shine in our hearts, shine through the dark - ness.

26 Christ, be our Light! Shine in your church ga-thered to - day. \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father,  
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

\*PLEASE RISE  
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

**WE MEET DURING WORSHIP BECAUSE OF OUR WORK IS WORSHIP**

**HOLY WORK**

**\*PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

## GOD HAS WORK FOR US TO DO

11 *Refrain*

God\_ has work for us to do! God\_ has work for us to do! Till

15

God's will is done and all things are made new, God\_ has

19

work for us, work for us to do!

## CALL TO ORDER

## PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET

## QUESTIONS

## PRAYER

## VOTE TO APPROVE THE 2025 BUDGET

### \*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

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Praise God all creatures here be - low;

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Praise God a - bove the heav'n - ly host.

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Praise God and Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**\*SING A NEW WORLD INTO BEING  
HYMN TO JOY**



Sing a new world in - to be - ing, sound a bold and hope - ful theme.  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing, where each gen - der, class and race  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home,  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient pro - phets' cry



Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:  
Brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace.  
Where no child - ren ev - er hun - ger, but are filled with God's sha - lom;  
For a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wip'd dry;



Dream a churchwhere all who wor - ship find the - ir lives and loves be - long.  
Where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.  
Where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and ven - geance cease.  
When com - pas - sion flows like wat - ers, pour - ing balm on all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing, sing as Christ in - spires your song.  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing, risk trans - form - ing heart and mind.  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the pro - mise you be - lieve.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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**GOD BLESSES US AND  
SENDS US FORTH IN  
MISSION FOR THE  
WORLD.**

**SEND**

**\*PLEASE RISE  
IN BODY OR SPIRIT**



**BAKED POTATO BAR!**  
JAN. 18, 4:30P-6:30P.  
TIX ONLINE  
(SHOPWESTFIELD.ORG)  
OR AT THE DOOR



**BIBLE STUDY RETURNS**  
FEB. 4 AT 6P  
LADIES' PARLOR

**VALENTINE CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL**  
PLANNING MEETING  
TODAY AFTER WORSHIP



**FARMERS' MARKET AT WESTFIELD**  
FIRST & THIRD SATURDAYS  
OF THE MONTH 9A-12P

SOUP ON SUNDAY FAMILY MEAL  
JAN. 26 AT 5P | FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FREE! COME EAT! VISIT! PLAY!



**SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR OUR UNHOUSED POPULATION THRU JAN 31**

- travel deodorants
- disposable razors
- travel shaving cream
- travel toothpaste
- tooth brushes
- soap
- socks
- feminine products
- tarps

**LASAGNA OF LOVE**  
PICK UP FEB 1 FROM 9A-11:30A  
ORDER ONLINE: SHOPWESTFIELD.ORG

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**LAY LITURGIST:**  
Missy Meyers  
**GREETER:**  
Judy Haines  
**COUNTERS:**  
Elaine Smith, Marilyn Wild  
**OFFERING:**  
Elaine Smith, Craig Bloomer,  
Earl & Marilyn Wild

**OUR FAITHFULNESS**

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**  
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**AVERAGE THIS MONTH**  
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**THE ONE LINK THAT RULES THEM ALL!**



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## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

We LOVE kids at Westfield. Children are welcome to stay through the whole service. If your child is more active, relax! We believe God put the wiggles and giggles in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of worship. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

## THE REV. DR. JONATHAN CHAPMAN



The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman graduated from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in May 2019 with his Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Witness and Proclamation. His capstone work, *The Year of Mark*, received the People's Choice Award among his cohort. While at Candler for his Master of Divinity (May, 2010), he was active with the Office of Worship, and was awarded the Hoyt Hickman Award for Outstanding Liturgical Scholarship. Jonathan is a 2007 Congregational Fellow and 2006 Undergraduate Fellow with The Fund for Theological Education. He graduated from Elon University in 2007 with a degree in Religious Studies. At Elon, he was selected as a Leadership Fellow and was awarded the W. L. Monroe Christian Education and Personality Award in the 2007. While at Elon he joined Elon Community Church, United Church of Christ, the congregation in which he was ordained.

Jonathan joined Westfield in October of 2012 and was officially installed as Pastor and Teacher in May of 2013, presiding over its revitalization. In October of 2022, he celebrated a decade with Westfield.

He was selected to be a part of the Next Generation Leadership Initiative, a program sponsored by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ that works with young clergy committed to parish ministry through a decade-long relationship. Dr. Chapman consults with congregations on a variety of topics ranging from revitalization to worship to marketing their churches. He married his husband, Greg (pastor of Enfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Enfield, CT), in December of 2014 at Westfield. Jonathan is an award-winning stained glass artist.

While Rev. Jonathan is on call 24/7, his onsite Hours are Monday - Thursday, 9am-12pm. He is available Sunday by appointment. His days off are Friday and Saturday.

Find time with Rev. Jon by scanning the QR code or going to [calendly.com/revjonchapman](https://calendly.com/revjonchapman)

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**Ministers**  
**Pastor**  
**Director of Welcome**  
**Director of Music**  
**Director of Children**  
**Church Administrator**  
**Facilities Caretaker**

**All of the Congregation**  
**The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman**  
**Kevin Williams**  
**Sue Theroux**  
**Donna Bartholomew**  
**Jessica Payette**  
**Michelle Plasse**